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1. On 25 July 1949, Zagreb security forces began a three day round-up of Yugoslav civilians for two months of forced duty in labor brigades. Forced recruitment apparently was necessary, because voluntary enlistments had fallen far short of current requirements.
2. On the first day of the round-up, all cafes and other public places within the city of Zagreb were canvassed and all of the city streets combed. On the second day similar establishments on the periphery of the city were canvassed. In all, some three thousand people were collected for the labor brigades. Of this number more than 1,500 were assembled on the first day.
3. The normal procedure of the round-up was as follows: Militia surrounded a cafe to prohibit anyone from leaving. Army and UDB (civilian) authorities entered the cafe and questioned every patron. Each was required to produce his documents. Those who could establish that they were employed in government offices and on critical industrial jobs were released. Others were ushered from the cafe into waiting trucks which transported them to the labor camp at Kraizerica, a suburb of Zagreb, directly across the Sava River. There they were billeted in barracks and put to work on a large farming project.
4. It is also reported that close to 3,000 persons were similarly recruited for labor brigades in Ljubljana towards the end of July 1949.

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